

# BURNABY RCMP PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

*Partners for a Safe Community*

JUNE—JULY 2020





# Message from the Chief



This has been a summer unlike any other we have experienced in our lifetime. The Global COVID-19 pandemic has created significant challenges to each of our lives and I continue to be proud of the dedication and resilience being shown by all of our police officers and staff at Burnaby detachment.

COVID-19 has brought an extra layer of safety measures in our response to calls around the City and our Frontline officers have responded exceptionally. Taking appropriate precautions to keep both themselves and the public safe in what are at times, challenging situations.

In June and July we saw serious gang related incidents in our City and as you will see throughout this report, teams at Burnaby detachment have responded by proactively targeting those suspected to be involved in these incidents and the illicit drug trade in our City. We have also begun the recruitment for the Burnaby Gang Enforcement Team (BGET) with a view to having a team in our community in the Fall.

Through proactive community patrols our Community Response Team has taken drugs and dangerous weapons off our streets while Burnaby Drug Section had two significant drug seizures that were the culmination of months of investigation. Our Drug Section officers are committed to keeping harmful drugs such as Fentanyl out of our community.

Our Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST) tracked down thousands of dollars' worth of products which were stolen from a Burnaby business. A thorough investigation resulted in POST tracking the products, worth \$75,000 which included 3,200 pounds of rice and 26 pallets of sandals to a warehouse in Langley.

Burnaby Traffic Section were busy through June and July working on various initiatives such as Operation Safe Driver Week. This initiative focused on speeding and in a single week, 106 drivers were ticketed for speeding in our City. Officers also ticketed 18 distracted drivers and 13 drivers were found to be driving while impaired during this week.

In July, Burnaby RCMP's Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) led an investigation which resulted in the arrest of Jack Kelley who had been wanted on a number of serious charges including sexual assault, assault and unlawful confinement. The arrest of Kelly was the culmination of six-months of demanding investigative work that involved officers and staff from units' right across our detachment.

Finally, as we look towards the fall and the potential second wave of COVID-19, I want to assure Burnaby residents that we are doing everything we can within our detachment to ensure our officers and staff stay healthy. Thanks to the measures being taken by staff at our detachment both at work and at home, everyone has remained healthy and our response to incidents around our City has not changed.

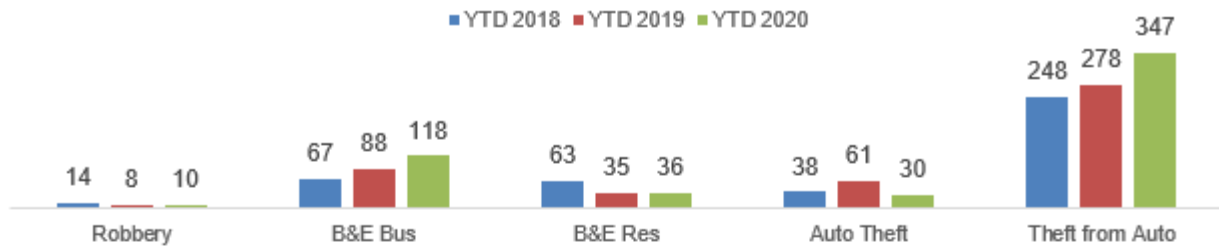
On behalf of the entire detachment I want to pass on our sincere gratitude to all of you who have reached out to thank us for the work being done in Burnaby through this pandemic. We are proud to serve such a supportive community.

**Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh**  
**Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment**

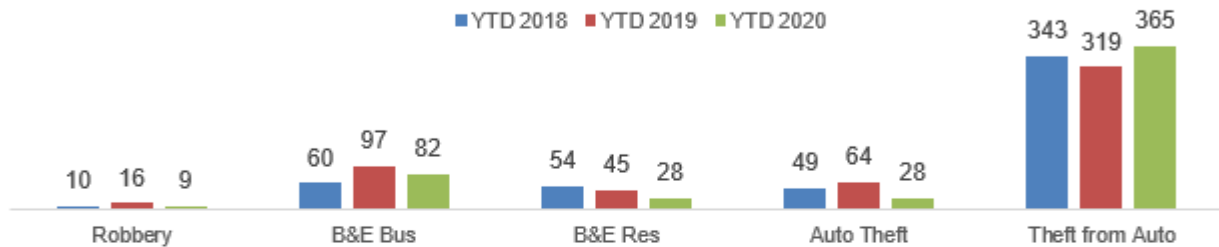


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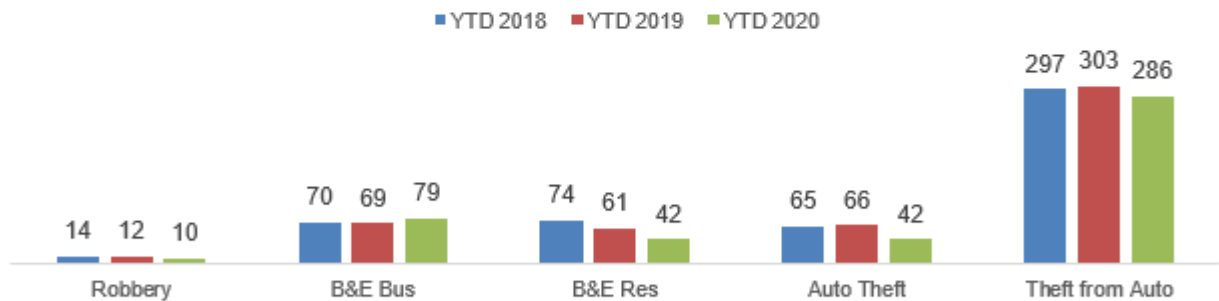
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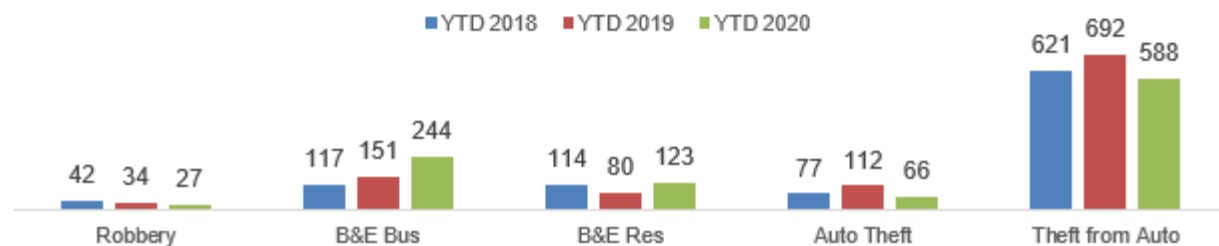
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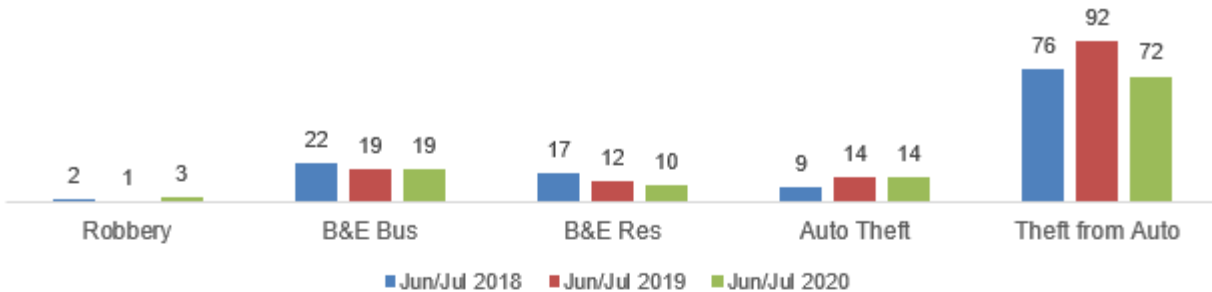
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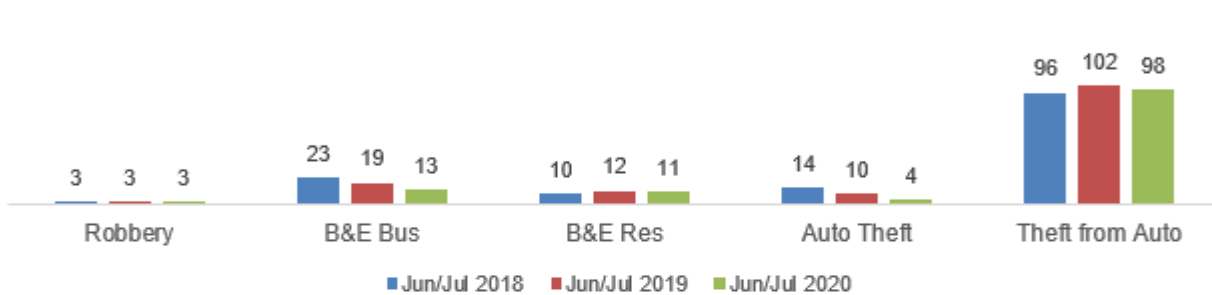


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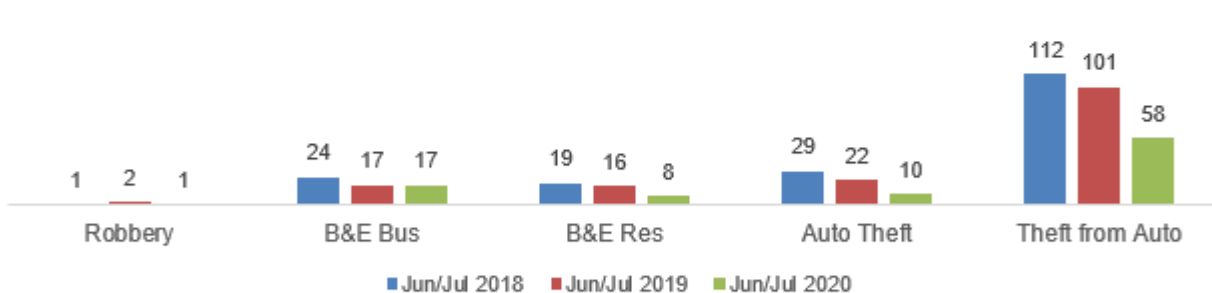
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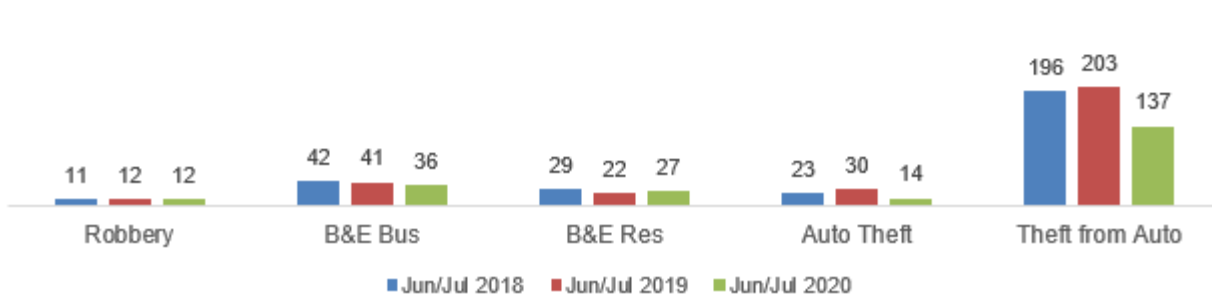
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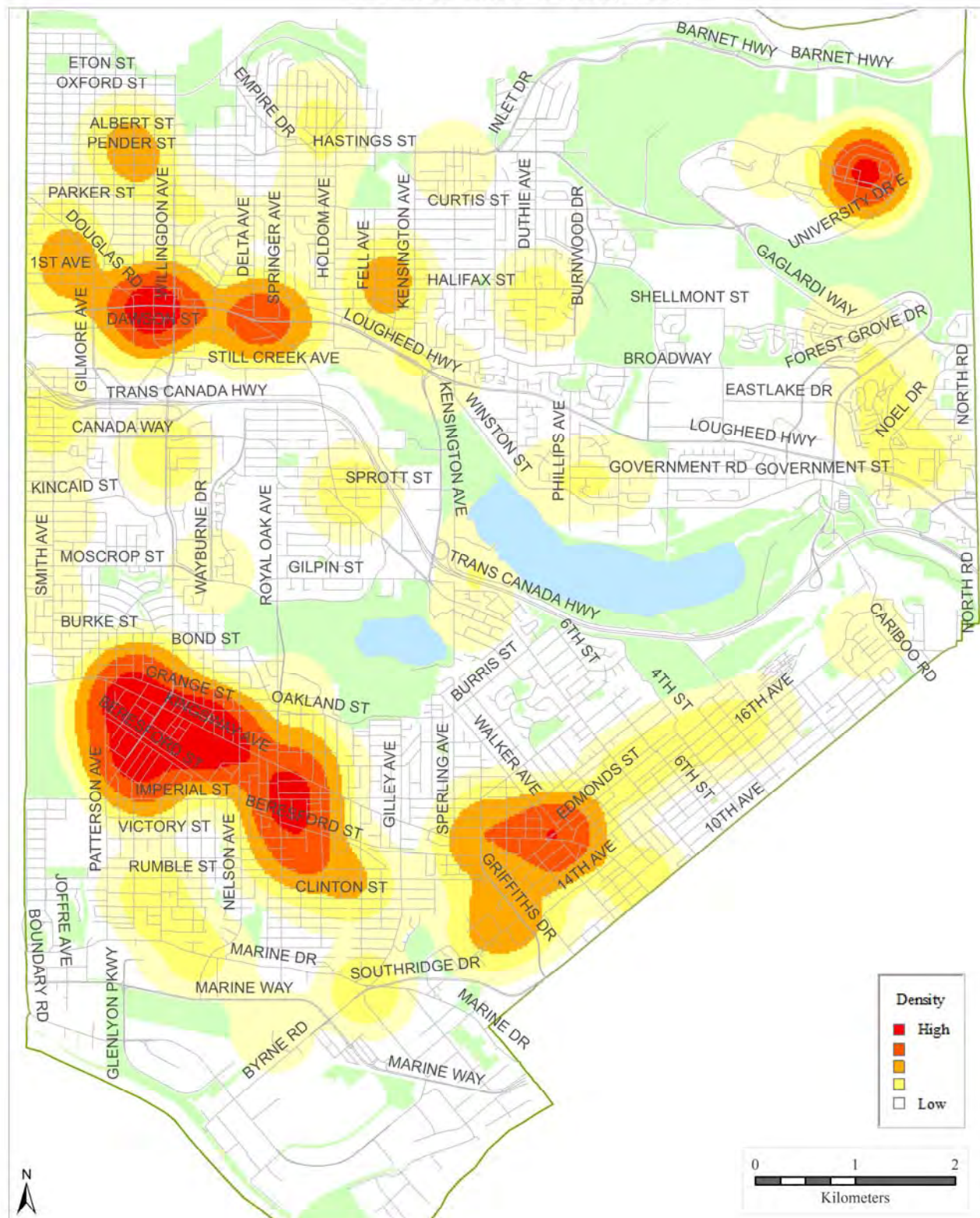


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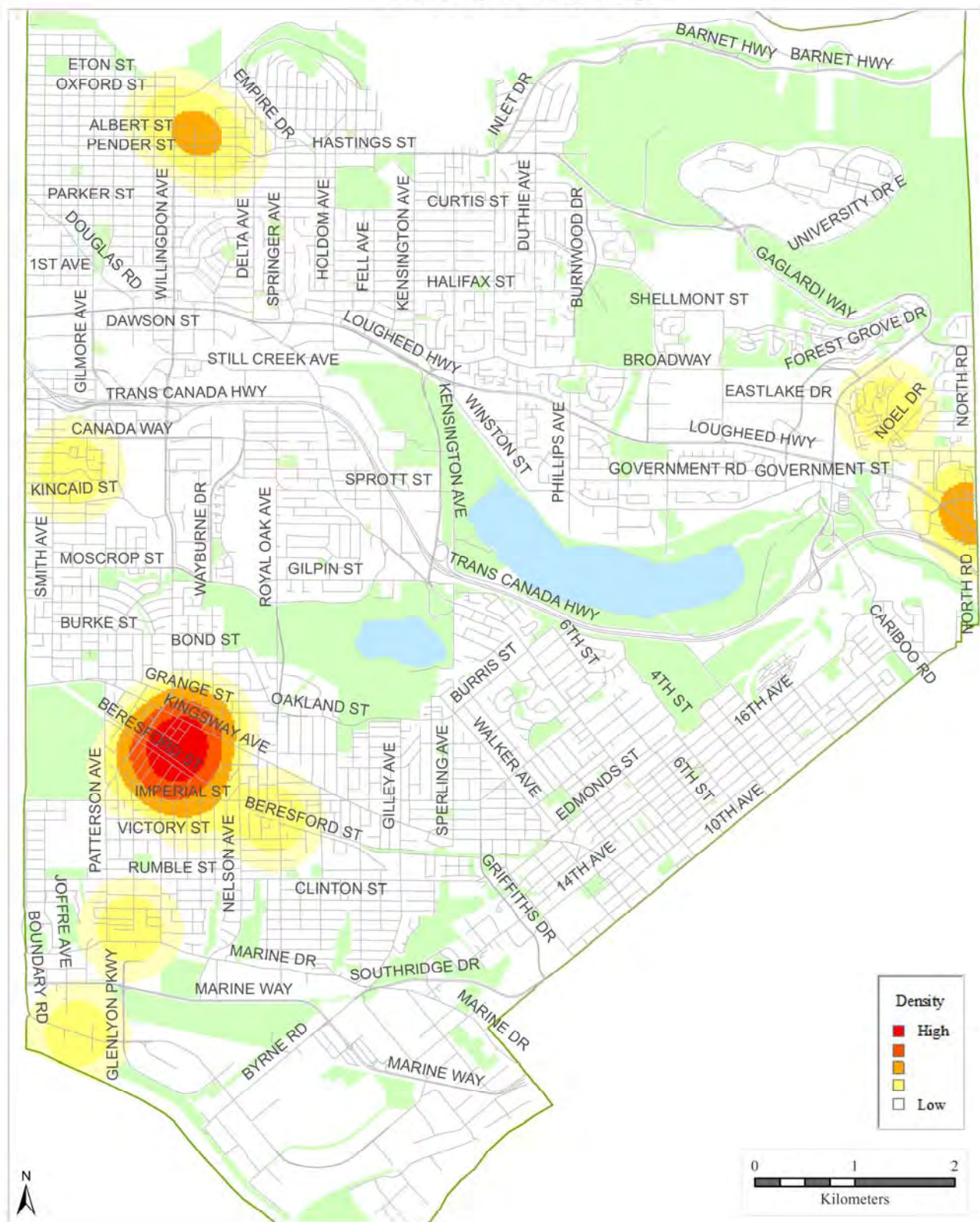


**Jun 1 to Jul 31, 2020**  
**Break & Enter Density Map**





**Jun 1 to Jul 31, 2020**  
**Robbery Density Map**

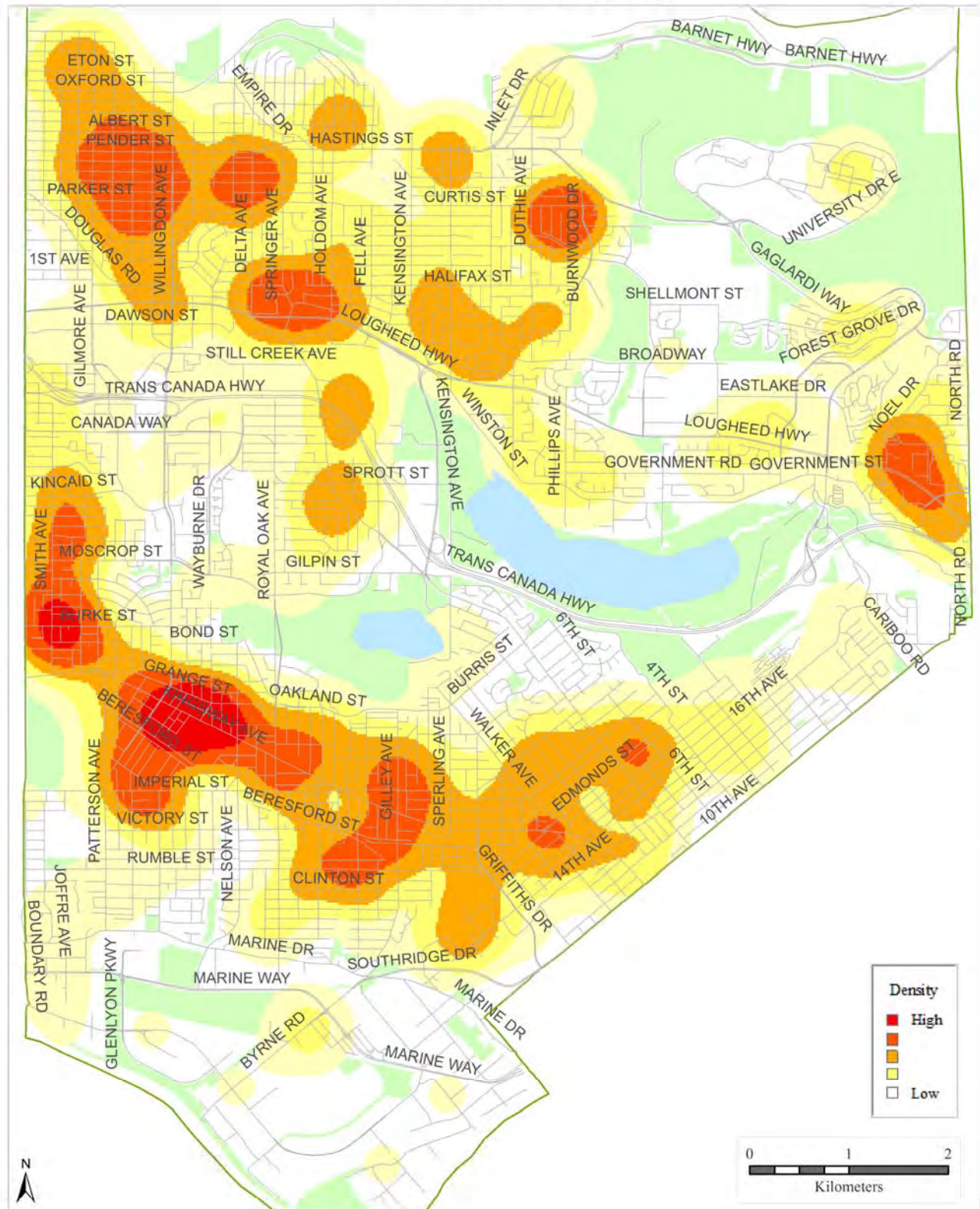






# Crime Density Map

**Jun 1 to Jul 31, 2020**  
**Auto Crimes Density Map**





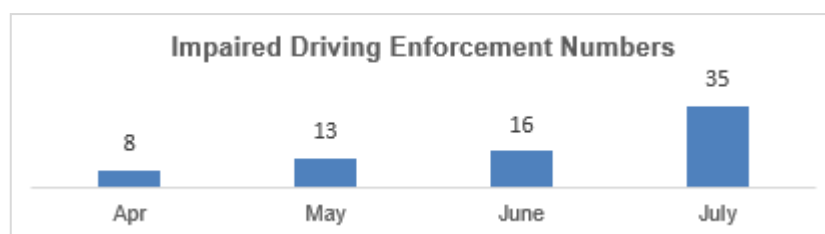
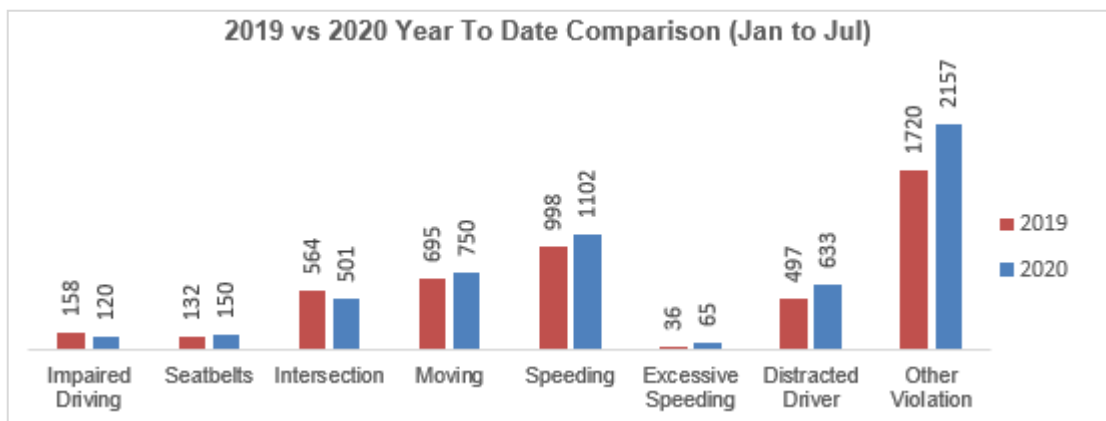
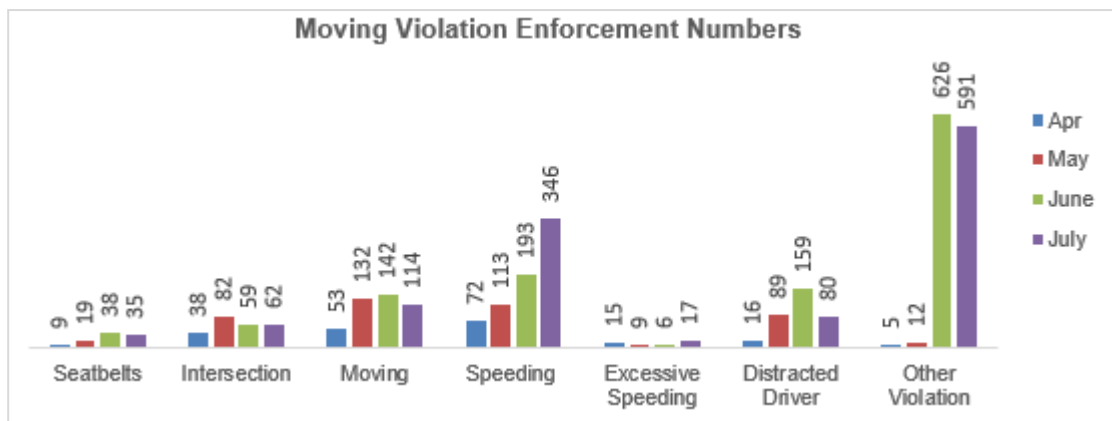
# Traffic Services Statistics

Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) enforcement continued in June and July in Burnaby. In July, a joint initiative was conducted with Port Moody and New Westminster Police. In total for June and July, 264 commercial vehicles were checked, 363 violation tickets were issued and 184 commercial vehicles were removed from the roads.

Traffic section members conducted several initiatives throughout June and July in support of the Detachment Strategic Plan and the Annual Performance plan including distracted driving and pedestrian enforcement. DriveSave BC designated July as the month to focus on impaired driving. Traffic section altered their shift schedules to conduct impaired driving checks resulting in 35 impaired driving investigations.

## Statistics

During the months from of June and July, 354 collisions were investigated by Frontline and Traffic Services officers. 29 involved non life-threatening injuries and there were no fatalities.







# Community Programs

## Burnaby Bike Section



In June, Burnaby RCMP Bike Section conducted a number of proactive drug investigations including an investigation where they seized methamphetamine from a man alleged to have been selling drugs in the Metrotown area.

On June 10, officers responded to a complaint that drugs were being sold in the 4000-block of Beresford Avenue. Upon arrival at the scene, police located two individuals who fit the description provided by a witness. No drugs were located on these individuals. While at scene, an alert Bike Section officer noticed another person who had been reported as being the one selling drugs. The Bike Section officer immediately

approached the man and detained him. A search of the man produced suspected methamphetamine which he is alleged to have been selling in the area.

In addition to the above noted investigations, Burnaby Bike Section officers also assisted in taking dangerous weapons off Burnaby streets including a replica firearm.

In early July, a member of the public contacted the Burnaby RCMP and reported seeing a man with a handgun in a Metrotown Mall parkade. Frontline officers, as well as Community Response Team (CRT) and Bike Section officers who were in the area on proactive community patrols, immediately responded. The witness stated that he had seen a man with a silver handgun tucked in his pants and directed police to where he had last seen the suspect. A CRT officer and a Bike Section officer located the suspect in a nearby stairwell and advised him he was under arrest for possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

The man was initially uncooperative and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. Despite the presence of a firearm and a suspect who twice reached toward the firearm, police officers on scene used their training and ability to de-escalate the situation to safely take the man into custody. In these instances, police officers must always treat weapons that may have the look and feel of a gun like a real firearm that may cause serious harm. The handgun was later determined to be a pellet gun, but as you can see in the picture, it looks like a real firearm.





# Community Programs

## Community Response Team (CRT)

Throughout June and July, CRT conducted proactive targeted enforcement on drug traffickers in the City with significant success.

In early July, while conducting pro-active community patrols, CRT officers observed a known drug user who appeared to be looking to buy drugs in the area of Wilson Avenue and Kingsway. Officers further observed this individual after she was joined by an associate, near a vehicle. The officers initiated a traffic stop on this vehicle and observed clear evidence of drug trafficking.

Both occupants and the vehicle were searched and nearly one-hundred prepackaged baggies of drugs ready for sale on the streets were located. These drugs are suspected to include cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and Fentanyl.

Later in July, Community Response Team officers on patrols observed a vehicle being driven in a suspicious manner around Gilley Avenue and Dickens Street in the City. Police then observed this vehicle meet with another in a manner which led police to believe that a drug deal was taking place.

Additional Community Response Team officers responded to assist and a vehicle stop was initiated. Five occupants of the vehicles were arrested including one person who attempted to flee but was quickly caught by police and safely taken into custody. Two baggies full of suspected fentanyl and crack cocaine ready for sale were seized along with \$5000 in cash and several cell phones.

Due to the nature of their work in providing constant patrols of the City, CRT officers are regularly called upon by members of the public who have witnessed a crime taking place. In mid-June, a member of the public reported seeing a man with bolt cutters approach a motorized bike on the sidewalk, cut off the bike lock and then walk away. CRT officers established surveillance on the bicycle and observed the suspect return and ride the bicycle away. The man was arrested by CRT officers, the bicycle was recovered and returned to the rightful owner.







# Community Programs

## Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST)

In late June, a POST investigation resulted in a huge commercial shipment of rice and other items being seized from a warehouse in Langley.

In May, Burnaby RCMP Frontline officers received a report that a large shipping container full of rice, worth approximately \$20,000, had been stolen from a business in South Burnaby. In mid-June, police received a tip that some of the stolen rice was being sold online and in public. Further investigation led police to a warehouse in Langley.

On June 26, 2020, Burnaby RCMP's Prolific Offender Suppression Team, Strike Force and Frontline officers executed a search warrant at the Langley warehouse.

Among the seized items were the following:

- 3,200 pounds of rice
- 26 pallets of sandals
- 400 packages of paper towels
- Large quantity of toilet paper
- Large quantity of diapers



## Drug Section



Both of these investigations targeted dial-a-dope lines believed to be operating across the Lower Mainland. These investigations and disruption of drug dealing in our community continue to be a priority for Burnaby Drug Section.





# Investigative Services & Community Programs

## Domestic Violence Unit (DVU)

After a six-month investigation led by Burnaby RCMP's Domestic Violence Unit, 34-year-old Jack Kelley was located and arrested in White Rock in early July. This was an investigative effort that involved officers and staff from units' right across the Burnaby RCMP detachment. Their diligence, persistence, cohesion and hard work has led to Kelley being taken off the streets to face 15 charges including assault, uttering threats and sexual assault.



## Victim Services Unit (VSU)



In June and July, Burnaby VSU opened 427 files which involved 63 call outs to scenes. Staff also provided 120 hours of direct crisis intervention.

In addition to this, the team conducted continuous training on procedures and policies relating to COVID-19. This training has ensured that VSU staff remain safe and have the ability to still attend scenes and provide support to those impacted by incidents taking place in our community. Burnaby VSU remains one of the few Victim Services Units in the Lower Mainland providing full service to members of our community.

## Youth Services

Throughout June and July, Youth Services continued offering phone counselling to clients as per current COVID-19 protocols and also in person counselling on a case by case basis, ensuring physical distancing was in place.

During this time, both new and existing clients have been actively engaged in their care plans and Youth Services therapists continue to work with over 40 active clients as per their existing and emerging needs in the areas of:

- Trauma-Related Disorders
- Substance-Use Disorders
- Anxiety-Related Disorders
- Mood Disorders



# Events & Initiatives

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## REPORT CRIME ONLINE

**What can you report online?**

- » Damage to property under \$5,000
- » Hit and run to an unoccupied vehicle or property
- » Theft of property under \$5,000
- » Traffic complaints

*Let's Go Online!*

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# Events & Initiatives

## Happy Pride!

In June, the Pride flag was flown for the first time at Burnaby detachment. The flag was raised by Burnaby RCMP Sgt. Lorena Rostie who is also on the board of Out On Patrol which is a non-profit peer support organization for LGBTQ2S+ members of law enforcement, focused on community engagement, charitable work, and education.



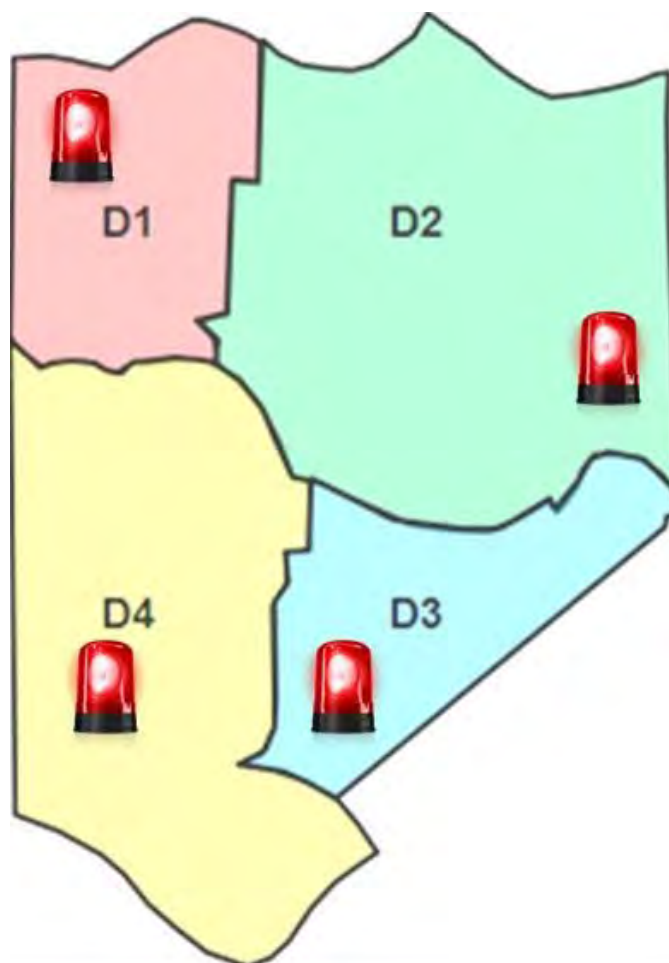


# Contact Us

If you have any questions about this report or if you're interested in volunteering with Burnaby RCMP then please contact us at any of the locations below.

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